

Remarks

Claims 1-2, 4-9, 12-23, 25-37, 43-44, 46-51, 54-65, and 67-79 are subject to a restriction requirement. In response, Applicants elect claims 12-19 and 54-61, without traverse, and withdraw the remaining claims.

Elections/Restrictions

On page 2, item 2 of the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner states that restriction is required. The Examiner divides the claims into four groups. Group I includes claims 1-2, 4-9, 43-44, and 46-51. Group II includes claims 12-19 and 54-61. Group III includes claims 20-23, 25-29, 62-65, and 67-71. Group IV includes claims 30-37 and 72-79.

Applicants elect Group II – claims 12-19 and 54-61 – without traverse. Applicants also note that in the previous Office Action dated April 16, 2007, claims 12-19 and 54-61 were allowed. The current, above-identified Office Action neither rejects claims 12-19 and 54-61 nor withdraws their allowance. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 12-19 and 54-61 remain allowed, and request a Notice of Allowance.

Conclusion

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present paper, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (206) 407-1513. If any fees are due in connection with filing this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the Deposit Account of Schwabe, Williamson and Wyatt, P.C., No. 50-0393.

Respectfully submitted,
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